



**Department of Community and Economic Development
Planning Division
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY/CODE INTERPRETATION**

MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS: RMC 9-11-2H “Structure Address” of Subsection Definitions of Chapter 11, Street Grid System.

REFERENCE: N/A

SUBJECT: Additional address assignment for one building with multiple street frontages.

BACKGROUND: One address is assigned to new non-residential buildings per Renton Municipal Code Title 9, Chapter 11, subsection two. The address is connected with the street that a building has frontage on. There are situations where a building has multiple entrances, for different businesses or organizations, and has more than one street frontage. Although providing more than one street address is not currently allowed, more than one address may be needed in situations where there are multiple street frontages for one building. For example, at The Landing in North Renton, there are structures that have multiple street frontages. One structure for example has three street frontages and the retail spaces have entrances from different streets.

In consideration of new technologies such as Global Positioning System (GPS) mapping software available to drivers or address mapping through internet search engines, an address based on one street frontage may not provide the correct physical location of a business when it is located on a different street.

Multiple businesses at The Landing have requested new addresses that would provide an address reflecting the physical street their business entrance doors face rather than an address that is on the opposite side of a building along a different street.

JUSTIFICATION: Providing one address maximum per building where the building has more than one street frontage may not provide the public clear direction to a business. Additionally, new mapping technologies may not correctly

provide directions to a business if that business has a different street frontage than the street address provided to a structure it is located within. Currently, there are entities located in structures that have multiple street frontages. Given that only one street address is provided per structure, additional address assignments need to be made to reflect actual physical frontages.

DECISION: The subsection H. "Structure Address" of the Definitions section of Renton Municipal Code Title 9, Chapter 11 "Street Grid System" should be amended as shown in Attachment A to reflect the ability to create multiple addresses for a building that has multiple street frontages. All changes would need the Fire & Emergency Services Department approval.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR
APPROVAL:**

C. E. "Chip" Vincent

DATE: June 30, 2011

**APPEAL
PROCESS:**

To appeal this determination, a written appeal--accompanied by the required filing fee--must be filed with the City's Hearing Examiner (1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057, 425-430-6515) no more than 14 days from the date of this decision. Your submittal should explain the basis for the appeal. Section 4-8-110 of the Renton Municipal Code provides further information on the appeal process.

**CODE
AMENDMENTS
NEEDED TO
IMPLEMENT**

DETERMINATIONS: Amend as shown in Attachment A.

Attachment A

9-11-2 DEFINITIONS

H. Structure Address: One address shall be assigned to each building, except residential accessory buildings, and except non-residential buildings that have more than one street frontage with approval by Fire & Emergency Services. In the event of planned urban development, office park, or industrial complex which incorporates several buildings, or has the potential to add one or more buildings, provision shall be made to allow for buildings to be addressed as separate addresses one per building. In the event address numbers are not available for more than one building, alphabetical suffixes for each building in the complex shall be applied. Structure addresses shall be expressed in whole numbers, with no fractional appendages.